

Town of Somers
Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council
Thursday, July 7th, 2022
8:00 A.M.
Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Emergency Management Director Todd Rolland at 8:01 A.M.

II. Members present: Charles Daniel Thayer Jr., Karen Hocking, John Roache – Fire Chief, Trooper Luke Davis – State Police, Todd Rolland – DEMD & Superintendent of Highways,

Also in attendance were: Kim Littig, Brian Wissinger, Paula LaFrance, Stephanie Levin, Andrea Vitrano, Dan Parisi, and Allison Maynard.

Members Absent: William Meier III, Peter DeBrino, Anne Cournoyer, and the Superintendent of Schools.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Sanitarian/Health/COVID: Andrea Vitrano; Her report is attached. The fully vaccinated rate went down due to the new metric of “Fully Vaccinated” meaning vaccinations and boosters.
- b) Social Services: Alison Maynard; “Hidden in Plain Sight” will be at the Splash Pad grand opening event on Friday, July 8. Will hear if we will receive the Drug-Free Community Grant of \$125,000.00 per year hopefully in August. Allison is talking with neighboring towns to possibly partner for youth and resident mental health services. Community mental health needs continue to increase for both adult and youth residents.
- c) Police: Kim Littig; Introduced our new temporary Resident Trooper, Luke Davis. Dash cams were installed in all cruisers last week. There were a couple of installation issues. One has been resolved, working with our vendor on the other. There are two great candidates for the open SRO position. New England Tractor Trailer Training School reached out requesting a threat assessment. Police will be working with them on that. Pistol permit applications are still coming in at a high rate. Committals continue to be higher than typical.
- d) Fire: John Roache; John announced Ray Stovall has been promoted to Lieutenant. In general, our call volume continues to be high. We hired a new medic. It is summer so we

are seeing a high volume of motorcycle crashes. 18 new cadets have joined the Department. We received a grant for child car seat replacements and are working on a federal EFG grant.

- e) Public Works: Todd Rolland; the month of June was quiet as far as storms/weather goes. DPW is in full summer operations. The Paul Bowers tournament was successful, with no issues. The summer concerts on the green are in full swing every Thursday night. The Splash Pad Grand Opening is Friday, July 8th (a Flyer is attached).

IV New Business

- a) CERT: Karen Hocking; Cert has been very busy the past month. Participated in the Paul Bowers tournament, conducting parking and traffic control. We've had members participate in the monthly paint care events at the Transfer Station, and the weekly concerts on the green. We held our monthly meeting/training in which we conducted a shelter operation overview. We will be conducting shelter training at the shelter during July's meeting. We will set up the shelter and go over shelter operations to familiarize new members with how it's done. CERT is holding a new member class on Saturday, October 15th, and Sunday, October 16th at the Fire Department.
- b) Todd Rolland introduced Dan Parisi our new Land Use Director.

V Approval of Minutes:

Dan Thayer motioned to approve the minutes of the June 2nd, 2022 meeting, and Karen Hocking seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VI Adjournment

Dan Thayer motioned to adjourn, and Karen Hocking seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 A.M.

Minutes are not official until approved at next meeting



Town of Somers Health Department
600 Main Street Somers, CT 06071 (860) 763-8216

EPAC Meeting

July 7, 2022

Somers Weekly June Positive Case Numbers

Week 1: 16

Week 2: 8

Report period 6/2/2022- 6/16/2022

Somers Positivity Rate for June 27th- July 4th

4.2%

Somers December fully vaccinated rate:

60.90%

Somers January fully vaccinated rate:

61.61%

Somers February fully vaccinated rate:

63.05%

Somers March fully vaccinated rate:

63.50%

Somers April fully vaccinated rate:

63.67%

Somers May fully vaccinated rate:

63.83%

Somers June fully vaccinated rate:

63.74%

The Somers fully vaccinated rate has increased 4.66% since December 2021.

*A person is considered fully vaccinated if he/she has completed a primary vaccination series by receiving 2 doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines or 1 dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine and recommended boosters.

*Osborn Correctional Facility is not allowing in person visits.

GRAND OPENING

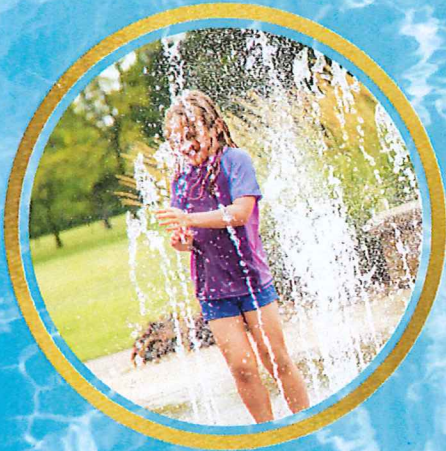
MACIE'S PLACE SPLASH PAD!

FRIDAY, JULY 8TH

5-8:00 P.M.

FIELD ROAD PARK

96 FIELD ROAD, SOMERS



Macie's
Place

- ~SQUARE PEG PIZZERIA~
- ~NANA'S ICE-CREAM TRUCK~
- ~MUSIC BY RENEE' CORO~
- ~SOMERS FIRE DEPARTMENT~
- ~SOMERS PUBLIC LIBRARY~
- ~SOMERS YOUTH SERVICES BOOTH~
- ~SOMERS COMES TOGETHER BOOTH~
- ~SOMERS COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL~
- ~SOMERS LIONS CLUB~
- ~SOMERS WOMEN'S CLUB BOOTH~
- ~INTRO TO BARRE FUSION WITH CHELSEA LOWE~

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